

U2 Pilot Case

Powers Inquiry Unprecedented

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Somewhere — the place is a secret — an unprecedented, formal inquiry is going on today into the story of U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers.

The panel is headed by an eminent judge — E. Barrett Prettyman — and includes "outstanding citizens" not yet named.

The ~~draft~~ of the panel appeared to reflect an administrative effort to give the official U.S. report on ~~Nazis~~ the highest stamp of impartiality and judicial credibility.

The Poles case has raised issues ranging from the reputation of a man and what his back pay should be, to the security of a nation, the extent of Soviet weapons development and the degree to which U.S. intelligence systems may have been compromised.

Leaves No More Doubts

The panel apparently chosen to report on these issues in a way that would reduce as much as possible lingering doubts among the American public and subscribers and recrimination.

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Powers completed his contract. That board... is under the leadership of Judge Prettyman and represents outstanding citizens."

Reporters had not known that Elijah Harrett Prettyman, 70, recently retired from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, had a list of national reputation, was in the case, and had not known much more, on the record, than the fact that an inquiry was going on.

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